President.—It must have been drawn. The Onam holidays intervened and, therefore, the Government sanctioned the drawing of the pay before the expiry of the month. So you had the money ready. Why did you delay the payment till 13th or 14th of Kanni?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—That benefit was never extended to them.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is not the case of the Chingam pay. It is the case of the Karkadagam pay that is the subject matter of the question. The cheque for the payment of the Karkadagam pay was drawn only on 28th Chingam.

President.—What was the delay due to? It should be immediately drawn after the expiry of the month. Why did you not pay till 28th Chingam? The delay is pretty long. We were nearing the end of the next month.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It was not possible to issue the cheque.

President.—The point is the Karkadagam pay was drawn only on 28th Chingam. Whose fault was that? Is it that there was a delay in the office? Is it at the Head office or the subordinate office?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—I cannot say which.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—There has been a very long delay.

President.—You will take care that these are avoided.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes, Sir. The delay is admitted.

Sale of teak from Ernakulam Depot.

95. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—(1) (a). Will the Government be pleased to state whether 180 candies of teak were sold to Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon from the Ernakulam Depot within the last 4 years; and

(b) what were the conditions of the sale;

(2) whether the Conservator of Forests reduced the price in the settlement of accounts from Rs. 35 to Rs. 17 per candy; if so, was the Diwan's sanction obtained for the same and (3) when was the timber sold to him after this; if so, how much and at what price?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) (a) Yes.

(b) The timber taken charge of should be fully paid for and removed before the end of one month from date of delivery.

(2) (a) and (b). No information on the points referred to can be furnished now.

(3) *In Karkadagam 1102.*

Candies 143-4-5-0½ of teak at Rs. 34 a candy.

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In Makaram 1103

Candies 11-0-15-0 of teak at Rs. 26-8-0 a candy.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know what was the price for the 180 candies of teak sold to Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Rs. 17 per candy.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—How much was he to take under the contract?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—180 candies.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Under the contract? He has taken 180. Was not the contract for thousand candies?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It was not a contract. It was an ordinary sale.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What was the objection for furnishing information required in parts (2) (a) and (b)?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There is some correspondence going on about that.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—What is the objection to state whether the Conservator had reduced the price in the settlement of accounts?

It is a fact which has already taken place. Any correspondence can only change what has already been done. What is the objection to state whether the Conservator reduced the price from Rs. 35 to Rs. 17 per candy, whether Diwan's sanction was obtained for the same?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—No reduction has been effected.

Applications for B. Form Passes.

96. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—(a) (1). In the matter of the B. Form passes for the removal of timber and fuel issued from the Southern Divisional Forest Office, will the Government be pleased to state during the years 1102, 1103 and 1104 the total number of applications for such passes;

(2) the average number of days taken in the office before they were sent down for inquiry;

(3) the average number of days taken for inquiry and report; and

(4) the average number of days allowed for the transit by the office;

(b) what are the objections to empower the Forester to give the passes direct by him to the parties without returning the same to the office;

(c) were the renewals of time allowed for these passes by the office; if so, in how many such cases; and what was the average time allowed on renewal;

(d) (1) in the matter of the transit of fuel, how is the quantity fixed in the form; (2) if only half a cart-load is carried

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